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Dear Executive Directors

Loan Repayment Opportunities for Mental and Behavioral Health Providers

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration is now accepting new applications to support loan repayment for educational debt for psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and psychiatrists, as well as physicians and dentists, who want to work at approved sites.

In exchange for the loan repayment assistance, clinicians work at a competitive salary for two years in an approved site in a [Health Professional Shortage Area](http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/) (HPSA) (<http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/>). HPSA sites are located in designated geographic areas or are automatically designated as HPSA sites because they are Community Health Centers or tribal sites.

Those interested in applying for the loan repayment program should visit the National Health Service Corps loan repayment website at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>.

People can apply for loan repayment if they are already working at an approved site or if they are seeking employment at a site that is either approved or meets eligibility requirements and plans to become approved, by applying for Recruitment and Retention Assistance. For more information about site eligibility, see the [Sites/Communities](#) part of the National Health Service Corps loan repayment website.

If you have questions, contact Mark Millard (Mark.Millard@alaska.gov) or Triptaa Surve (Triptaa.Surve@alaska.gov) at the Alaska Primary Care Office (DHSS Division of Health Care Services, Section of Health Planning and Systems Development).

You can find this letter, with clickable links, on our Web site, www.hss.state.ak.us/dbh.

Sincerely,



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Director